



STATE OF MAINE  
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS  
AND ELECTION PRACTICES  
135 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
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**Agenda**

**Meeting of June 22, 2006**

9:00 a.m., Commission Offices, 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

1. Ratification of minutes of the April 28 and June 12, 2006 meetings

**NEW BUSINESS**

2. Mailings by Rep. Kevin J. Glynn

Rep. Kevin J. Glynn is a candidate for State Senate, District#7. Rep. Lawrence Bliss filed a request for an investigation regarding mailings that Rep. Glynn sent to residents outside his current legislative district. The request asks whether the costs of the newsletters should be considered campaign expenditures that must be included in campaign finance reports. In addition, Sally Sutton, a South Portland resident who lives outside Rep. Glynn's district, has filed a complaint about letters Rep. Glynn sent to her children as honor roll students. She believes the letters are campaign expenditures prepared with legislative resources.

3. Use of Endorsement Without Authorization/Michael D. Mowles

On June 12, 2006, the Ethics Commission received a written complaint from House candidate Jennifer Duddy about a flyer sent by her primary election opponent, Michael Mowles. Ms. Duddy stated that the flyer had misled voters into believing that Maine's two United States Senators had endorsed Mr. Mowles in the June 13 Republican primary election, when in fact they had endorsed him in the 2004 general election. The Commission held a meeting by telephone on June 12, and found that Mr. Mowles had violated the Election Law by using the 2004 endorsement in the primary election flyer without authorization of Senators Snowe and Collins. *Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends no further action on this matter and no financial penalty for the violation.*

4. Recruitment of Opponents by Maine Clean Election Act Candidates

The Commission staff wishes to propose a statutory change that would prohibit Maine Clean Election Act candidates from assisting an opponent in qualifying as a candidate in order to gain additional public funds as a contested candidate.

**5. Referral to Attorney General for Collection of Civil Penalty/Paul Volle and PACs**

In 2005, the Election Law was amended to require political action committees to file an updated registration form every two year years no later than March 1 of the election year. Three political action committees organized by Paul Volle filed their registration statements late on March 23, 2006: Ad Hoc Committee for Common Sense, Yes for Equal Rights, and Yes for Life. At the April 28 meeting, the Commission partially granted Mr. Volle's request for a waiver of the penalty, and assessed a total penalty of \$100 against all three PACs for the late filing. On May 1, 2006, the Commission mailed a written determination requesting payment of the \$100 penalty within 30 days. *Staff recommendation: the Commission recommends referral of the three PACs and Mr. Volle to the State Attorney General to recover the \$100 penalty.*

**6. Discussion of Improved Audit Procedures**

In light of limited misuse of Maine Clean Election Act funds in the 2004 elections, the Commission staff wishes to present to the Commission members its improved audit procedures for the 2006 elections.

**7. Staff Update on Criminal Prosecution of Peter Throumoulos**

On June 6, 2006, Senate candidate Peter Throumoulos was indicted by a York County Grand Jury for submitting false signature on forms submitted to the Ethics Commission to qualify for Maine Clean Election Act funding in the 2004 and 2006 elections.

**8. Selecting Dates of Commission Meetings in July, August, and September****Other**

Miscellaneous as needed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION****ADJOURNMENT**